

# State of Louisiana

## Parish of Caddo In the Name and By the Authority of The Caddo Parish Commission Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, maternal health is a matter of vital importance to the well-being of families in Caddo Parish, and;

**WHEREAS**, Black Maternal Health Week is a national campaign founded and led by the Black Mamas Matter Alliance, dedicated to raising awareness, inspiring activism, and strengthening policies to improve maternal health outcomes for Black women in the United States, and;

**WHEREAS**, Black women experience maternal mortality rates that are significantly higher than those of white women, facing disproportionate rates of pregnancy-related complications and death, and;

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative to address the systemic inequities and disparities that contribute to these alarming statistics and to ensure that all mothers, regardless of race or socioeconomic status, have access to quality healthcare, and;

**WHEREAS**, Caddo Parish recognizes the importance of promoting maternal health equity and supporting initiatives that aim to improve the well-being of Black mothers and their families, now, therefore;

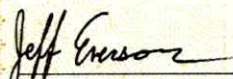
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT**, by the Caddo Parish Commission, meeting in legal session, that it does hereby recognize and proclaim April 11-17, 2024 as:

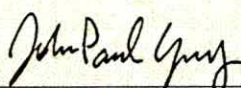
### **'BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK'**

in Caddo Parish, Louisiana, and encourages all residents to join in raising awareness, advocating for change, and supporting initiatives that promote the health and well-being of Black mothers and their babies.

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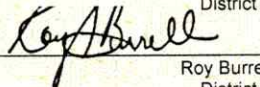


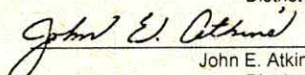
  
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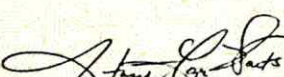
  
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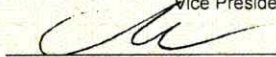
  
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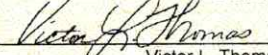
  
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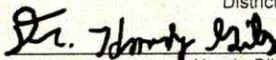
  
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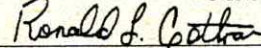
  
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